

## ABSTRACT

In an optical information medium comprising a  
5 supporting substrate, an information recording layer  
thereon, and a light-transmitting layer wherein a  
recording/reading laser beam enters the recording layer  
through the light-transmitting layer, the light-  
transmitting layer is formed of a resin and has a tensile  
10 strength at break of 5-40 MPa, a tensile elongation at  
break of 15-100%, and a tensile modulus of 40-1,000 MPa.  
The medium has improved recording/reading characteristics  
when a laser beam defines a beam spot having a small  
diameter of up to 300  $\mu\text{m}$  and the medium is rotated at a  
15 high linear velocity of at least 8 m/s.